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THEY SEEM TO BE TELLING US THEY DON'T NEED TO HIDE ANYMORE.
FERN, IT TURNS OUT YOUR MANA DETECTION WAS NOT WRONG.
THE BARRIER AROUND THE GOLDEN LAND...
I SENSE POWERFUL MANA.
THERE'S A DEMON WITH MANA AS POWERFUL AS MACHT'S.
I ASSUME THAT ONE BROKE THE BARRIER.
WHETHER THEY CAME TO RESCUE MACHT...
...OR THEY HAVE ANOTHER PURPOSE...
EITHER WAY...
...IF WE DON'T TAKE ACTION, MACHT, A THREAT TO HUMANITY, WILL BE RELEASED.
I SEE.
HEY.
KLINK
IS THE GOLDEN LAND...
EXPANDING?
LET'S TAKE MISTRESS FRIEREN AND FALL BACK FOR NOW.
WE HAVE NO CHOICE.
I'M GOING TO HELP PEOPLE IN THE VILLAGE EVACUATE.
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TELL ME, MACHT.
DID YOU FIND THE EMOTIONS YOU WERE SEARCHING FOR?
SOLITÄR, WHAT IS THE MEANING OF THIS?
...
ALTHOUGH WE SHARE THE SAME DESIRE TO LEARN ABOUT HUMANITY...
WE BELIEVE COMPLETELY DIFFERENT THINGS.
I SEE.
YOU DIDN'T, THEN.
JUST AS I TOLD YOU.
BUT I CERTAINLY DON'T HATE YOUR CURIOSITY.
WHAT ARE YOU TRYING TO SAY?
YOU FAIL AGAIN AND AGAIN...
...AND YOU DRAW A SINGLE CONCLUSION AT THE END.
EXPERIMENTS...
...ARE SUPPOSED TO FAIL.
I WANT YOU TO PROVE TO ME...
...THAT COEXISTENCE WITH HUMANITY IS NOT JUST A PIPE DREAM.
LET'S MOVE ON, MACHT.
I'LL HELP YOU TOO.
DO WHATEVER YOU WANT.
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PUT MISTRESS FRIEREN INTO THE CARRIAGE TOO.
SHE'S STILL ASLEEP AND WON'T WAKE UP.
SHE'S USING ALL HER RESOURCES.
I BELIEVE SHE'S TRYING TO FINISH ANALYZING THE MEMORIES AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.
THE DEMON THAT BROKE THE BARRIER SEEMS TO BE GETTING CLOSER.
IT'S IMPOSSIBLE TO RUN AWAY WITH SUCH A LARGE GROUP.
I'LL STAY TO HOLD THEM BACK.
THEN I WILL TOO.
NO. LET ME.
MASTER DENKEN... PLEASE TAKE CARE OF MISTRESS FRIEREN AND THE PEOPLE FROM THE VILLAGE.
I'M SURE MISTRESS FRIEREN WILL SALVAGE THIS SITUATION AS SOON AS SHE FINISHES ANALYZING THE MEMORIES.
WE'RE ACTUALLY PRETTY STRONG, YOU KNOW.
YOUR HAND IS SHAKING.
I OWE YOU.
I ONLY WISH TO GET TO KNOW YOU TWO.
COULD YOU STAY FOR A CHAT?
NO NEED TO GET SO WORKED UP.
I HAVE NO INTENTION OF FIGHTING YOU.
SHE DOESN'T APPEAR TO BE AS POWERFUL AS I THOUGHT.
I DISAGREE.
THAT'S NOT WHAT I SEE.
OH, RIGHT. I SHOULD FIRST INTRODUCE MYSELF WHEN I MEET NEW PEOPLE.
I AM THE GREATER DEMON SOLITÄR.
PLEASED TO MEET YOU.
MASTER STARK.
DO YOU KNOW HER?
NO, I DO NOT.
BEFORE WE SET FOOT IN THE NORTHERN PLATEAU... ... MISTRESS FRIEREN DRILLED ME ON THE NAMES OF EVERY GREATER DEMON THAT EXISTS.
AND YET...
I'VE NEVER HEARD OF A GREATER DEMON NAMED SOLITÄR.
...ALSO, RIVALE, THE BLOODY GOD OF WAR.
TOT, SAINT OF THE END.
AND FINALLY, MACHT OF THE GOLDEN LAND, THE LAST SURVIVING SAGE OF DESTRUCTION.
DON'T EVEN THINK ABOUT FIGHTING A GREATER DEMON.
YOU'RE UNDOUBTEDLY AN OUTSTANDING MAGE, BUT IT'LL BE AT LEAST HALF A CENTURY BEFORE YOU'D BE AN EVEN MATCH.
I UNDERSTAND.
AND ONE MORE THING.
IF YOU EVER RUN INTO AN UNKNOWN GREATER DEMON, FLEE WITHOUT HESITATION.
WHEN A GREATER DEMON POSSESSES ENORMOUS MANA, IT MEANS THEY'VE BEEN ALIVE FOR A VERY LONG TIME.
AND IF HUMANITY HAS NO RECORD OF THEM...
HOW COME?
...THEN THEY'VE LIKELY SLAUGHTERED...
... EVERYONE THEY'VE RUN INTO.
YOU'RE SAYING THAT BARELY ANYONE SURVIVES AN ENCOUNTER WITH HER?
THEN THE LEAST WE CAN DO IS BUY THEM SOME TIME.
DO YOU THINK THE VILLAGERS CAN GET TO SAFETY?
...
I THINK YOU MISUNDERSTAND ME.
I JUST WANT TO LIVE A QUIET LIFE WITHOUT ATTRACTING ANY ATTENTION.
I'VE NEVER ONCE KILLED A PERSON.
FERN...
SHE'S LYING.
I KNOW.
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BECAUSE THIS ONE...
...REEKS OF DEATH.
IT'S ALL RIGHT. DON'T BE SCARED. COME CLOSER.
LET'S HAVE A CHAT.
TELL ME ALL ABOUT YOURSELF.
BOOM
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IMPRESSIVE.
DEFENSIVE MAGIC...
YOU DIDN'T HESITATE.
YOU'VE BEEN TRAINED WELL.
HOW DOES A DEMON...?
YOU MUST BE A VERY SKILLED MAGE.
THANK YOU FOR SHOWING ME.
NOW I'M EVEN MORE INTERESTED IN YOU.
CAN I ASK YOUR NAME?
AND HOW WERE YOU RAISED?
JUDGING BY YOUR FACIAL FEATURES, YOU MUST BE FROM ONE OF THE SOUTHERN LANDS.
AND I SUPPOSE FRIEREN IS YOUR MASTER?
WHAT A PRETTY HAIR ORNAMENT. WAS IT A GIFT FROM SOMEONE?
YOU MUST HAVE BEEN USING YOUR STAFF FOR A WHILE NOW. IT'S LOVELY. ARE YOU TAKING CARE OF IT YOURSELF?
MY APOLOGIES.
IT'S BEEN A WHILE SINCE I TALKED WITH ANYONE.
SORRY FOR BOMBARDING YOU WITH SO MANY QUESTIONS.
OKAY, ONE AT A TIME.
GLEAM
THOK
FERN!!
HUH?
PLEASE ANSWER MY QUESTIONS.
THE NEXT TIME YOU MAKE ANY MOVE TO SHOOT AT ME...
I'M GOING TO TAKE OFF BOTH YOUR ARMS.
ACTUALLY, CUTTING OFF YOUR ARMS ISN'T AN ISSUE.
AS LONG AS YOUR MOUTHS CAN FUNCTION, WE CAN TALK.
I JUST WANT TO LEARN ABOUT YOU.
KLANG
FERN!! RUN!!
NOW YOU'RE EXPERIENCING TREMENDOUS FEAR.
YOU'RE FRIGHTENED TO DEATH OF ME.
AND YOU STILL CHOOSE TO FACE ME.
THK THK THNK
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I ALWAYS LEARN SO MUCH FROM YOU.
HUMANS NEVER CEASE TO AMAZE ME.

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